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newspaper clippings, which, like Mlle. Snevellici, "the Parson" carefully preserved (when they were in his praise), that one hardly notices the joining of the two.

Mr. Massey's name, at one time as well known in Virginia as that of any man of his generation, is rapidly fading into obscurity. He was the father of "Readjustment" and only displaced from "that bad eminence" by General Mahone, who literally stole his thunder and reaped the harvest which Mr. Massey had sown. This book is a valuable study of the history of that movement, and clearly shows that the credit—or discredit—of that movement belongs to Mr. Massey. His life—outside of his stormy career in politics—is one of no extraordinary interest, but the collection of newspaper articles, letters, etc., most admirably arranged, is of a distinct value to the future political historian. Their preservation and Mr. Massey's own comments upon them, unconsciously reveal the colossal egotism of the man more than any other writing could do. The efforts of Mr. Massey and the "Big Four" to loosen the grip of "Mahonism" upon the State are set out with great clearness and the service thus rendered the Commonwealth was one for which even the bitterest enemies of "the Parson" must give him high praise. The book is one worthy of perusal as portraying the life of a skilful, wary and astute politician, whose success was as remarkable as that of any man of his time—who managed to retain his grip alike upon the pulpit and the rostrum and who was in many ways an unique and puzzling personality.

The Laws of England, being a complete statement of the whole law of England; by the Right Honorable Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain; '85-86, '86-92, '95-05. Volume 8 containing Copyholds, Copyright and Literary Property, Coroners, Corporations and County Courts. London, Butterworth & Co.; Cromarty Law Book Company, 1112 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.; and Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y., Sole Agents for United States. 1909. Price \$7.50, net.

This volume, with the exception of the article on Corporations and the article upon Copyright, relates to matters purely English but not the less interesting on that account. The articles on Copyright and Corporations can be read with interest by the American as well as the English lawyer. The article upon County Courts, which takes up a third of the volume, must prove of interest to those lawyers who desire to have information as to the English courts.

We enjoy the examination of each one of these volumes as they appear. The work is so well done, the proposition of law so clearly put and the arrangement so logical that it might well be taken as a model for any law work.

The American and English Annotated Cases, containing the important cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English Reports. Thoroughly annotated. Edited by William McKinney, Editor of Encyclopedia of Practice, etc., and David S. Garland, Editor of American and English Encyclopedia of Law, and H. Noyes Greene. Vol. 13. Edward Thompson Company. Northport, L. I., N. Y. Price \$5.00.

With the examination of each volume of these reports one is convinced that the work of selection and annotation is peculiarly well done. The cases are, with a few necessary exceptions, all of general interest and not such as would be confined to any particular locality.

Each case being annotated, one does not have to search through a number of volumes to find the points of law which he desires.

We have been particularly struck with the novelty and general interest of several of the cases in the present volume. The notes to *Lasell v. Boardman* on the question of Historical Works as Evidence, present excellent authorities upon this question. The annotations of the *State v. Cauty* in regard to the right of a state to enjoin an act which is both a nuisance and a crime, present a question of more than ordinary interest; and in the case of *Territory v. McCandless*, page 795, the question of the validity and effect of a city ordinance covering the same ground as a statute, together with the note in 4th Annotated Cases No. 1, brings this question up to date.

We find these reports of increasing value with each volume.

The Encyclopedic Digest of Virginia and West Virginia Reports; being a complete Encyclopedia and Digest of all the Virginia and West Virginia Case Law from Volume 104 to Volume 108 Virginia Reports, both inclusive, and from Volume 56 to Volume 63 West Virginia Reports, both inclusive. Under the editorial supervision of Thomas Johnson Michie. Volume XIV—Supplement. The Michie Company, Law Publishers. Charlottesville, Va. 1909. Price \$7.50.

Since the issuance of Volume 13 of the Digest of Virginia and West Virginia Reports, five volumes of the mother State and eight volumes of the daughter have been issued. Volume 14 brings the Digest up to date. Those who are fortunate enough to possess the first thirteen volumes will not be slow to avail themselves of this last volume, the work upon which has been done with the same care, accuracy and completeness which characterized the preceding volumes. Those who do not possess the complete work have an additional reason now to purchase it. After an experience of several years we do not see how we ever got along without it and today it is the most constantly used set of books in our library.

Brief Making and the Use of Law Books—By William M. Lile, Henry S. Redfield, Eugene Wambaugh, Edson R. Sunderland, Alfred F. Mason, and Roger W. Cooley. Second edition; edited by Roger W. Cooley, Special Lecturer on Legal Bibliography, St. Paul, Minn. West Publishing Co. 1909.

A carpenter who does not know how to use the tools of his trade is but a sorry carpenter. The lawyer is often a sorry lawyer for the same lack of knowledge, and whilst the tools of the profession can only be mastered by use, great aid to their mastery can be extended by a manual prepared by those who have had knowledge and experience. The present work is in its second edition an exceedingly valuable aid to the young lawyer and much of it can be advantageously used even by the oldest practitioner. In the compass of a small compact volume it offers valuable suggestions in the practical branch of the profession and we know of no work which is as thorough and which so well supplies a long felt want. To Virginia lawyers, and graduates of our University the admirable preface of Professor William M. Lile gives the work additional interest and value.